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SUBJECT: SAUDI APPROACH GOS RE OIL PRICE INCREASE

1. AFTER BRIEFING MINSTATE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DEC 18
RE USG STATEMENT ON OPEC PRICE INCREASES (STATE 306307), IDRIS
SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED SAUDI AMBASSADOR HASHIM WHO HAD
CONVEYED SAG MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. ACCORDING IDRIS,
HASHIM HAD MADE FOLOWING POINTS: (A) FIVE PERCENT INCREASE ON
PART SAG AND UAE MINIMAL: (B) SAUDI ARABIA PREPARED INCREASE ITS
PRODUCTION AS FAR AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE BUYERS; (C) PRICING
WOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN SIX MONTHS AT WHICH TIME IT COULD
PERHAPS BE STABILIZED OR, IF WORLD CONDITIONS REQUIRE, IT
MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SOME DECREASE. IDRIS
SAID HE KNEW NIMEIRI WOULD BE PLEASED WITH SUCH REASSURANCE
AND WOULD WELCOME PUBLIC USG COMMENTS RE STATESMANLIKE
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ROLE OF SAUDI ARABIA IN PRESENT INSTANCE.

2. COMMENT: UNCLEAR WHETHER HASHIM'S COMMENTS REFLECT WIDESPREAD SAG APPROACHES IN LESS DEVELOPED CAPITALS BUT AT LEAST HERE IT CLEAR SAUDIS SEEK SOFTEN BLOW OF EVEN FIVE PERCENT INCREASE. BREWER

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